

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 24, 2006

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2006 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. A quorum was present of Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger and Commissioner Steven A. Holt.

**Standards for Construction of Road Improvements**

Mr. Jim Neal reviewed the updates to Hamilton County’s standards for construction of road improvements. Altman asked that they look at the setbacks per road classification to make sure it makes sense. Neal stated the setbacks are set to follow the county thoroughfare plan. Approval of the final document will be requested on April 10th.

**146th Street East Interlocal Agreement**

Mr. Mike Howard reviewed funding and the interlocal agreement for the 146th Street construction from State Road 37 to Interstate I-69 and Related Improvements. Howard reviewed the project funding. Howard stated the county has committed \$1.9 million toward engineering and the county will receive \$1 million of that back. The additional funding requirement will be the issuance of the short term bond of \$11.9 million, yielding \$11.8 million to the construction fund. That \$11.8 million will be first dollar reimbursements from the federal highway money. This is generally funded through a lease procedure. The Trustee is to maintain the construction fund so we are discussing with INDOT how things will be deposited on both parts of the project, (Series A - county portion and Series B - city portion). We anticipate if the construction season is good, that half of the \$11.8 million will be reimbursed this year with the balance coming next year. The budget provides for reimbursement to the county of the \$2.1 million provided for construction. There is a ceiling on issuance costs and interest on the short term bond at \$500,000. Howard stated the Department of Government Local Finance meeting for the city was February 23, 2006, the order was approved February 27th. We expect the project to be bid July 19, 2006. Funding should be in the bank by August 1st. Altman suggested changing the number of commissioners needed for dispute resolution to 1 or 3, but not 2. Dillinger motioned to change the Dispute Resolution to read the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of Noblesville and then send the agreement to Noblesville for execution. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hazel Dell Road Federal Funding Earmark**

Mr. Brad Davis stated INDOT is trying to figure out how to program the \$1 million federal earmark for Hazel Dell Road and have asked when the project will be ready for a contract. Howard stated Noblesville’s preference would be to send it to Hazel Dell. With the right of way issue, it will take \$3 million for land acquisition. The cost of 146th Street right of way was raised because it was in the federal aid system. The thought would be to transfer the money to the 146th Street project. Howard stated Jan Powell’s instructions are to transfer those monies to the 146th Street project. Discussion followed. [#987] Holt motioned to stay with the plan on Hazel Dell and apply the \$1 million to land acquisition from 216th north to accomplish the realignment. Dillinger seconded. Altman stated county wide her priority is to stay with 146th Street and get it done. Dillinger asked 146th Street west? Altman stated yes. We have parallel agreements that we will continue to control that thoroughfare and it is critical. Dillinger asked if there is anything in Fall Creek, like Olio Road? Davis stated the \$1 million would do a lot. Holt stated this is a project (216th Street) where \$1 million does something. Neal stated we would have to do design before we proceed with right of way. Federal money can not be used for design. Holt asked if \$1 million would get us through design and land acquisition? Neal stated it would get us through design and part of land acquisition. Howard asked if they are going to let you have federal money for that? Federal money on 146th Street had to go to construction. Davis stated we used part of the earmarked funds on 146th Street design. Neal stated we had it approved for right of way but decided not to use it for right of way because it would have taken even longer. Holt withdrew his motion. Holt motioned to use the money on 96th Street improvements from Mollenkopf to Fall Creek and if we can’t get it done that we do the land acquisition and design for 216th Street. Dillinger asked rather than 146th Street west? Holt stated yes, we have a request in for 146th Street west. Howard asked if this can be subject to what we find out this morning during our meeting with INDOT? There could be leakage out of federal money and we may need the money for the 146th Street east project. Holt asked to defer this discussion to Monday.

**103rd Street/New Jersey/College**

Davis stated 103rd Street/New Jersey/College intersections are on Monday’s agenda. The results of the 103rd/New Jersey traffic study show a 93/7 split in traffic which if you follow an engineering recommendation it should be a 2-way stop. The 103rd Street and College Avenue count was 91/9 in favor of College Avenue, with a four-way stop not warranted at this intersection.

**146th Street/Rohrer Road**

Davis stated the Town of Westfield has requested a traffic signal for the Monon Trail at Rohrer Road and 146th Street. The conduit is already in place at this location. Estimated costs are \$100,000 and the Village Park Plaza TIF monies can be used for this project. Dillinger motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dillinger motioned to adjourn. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Present**

Christine Altman, Commissioner  
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner  
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner  
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners  
Brad Davis, Highway Director  
Jim Neal, Highway Engineer  
Joel Thurman, Project Engineer  
Chris Burt, Highway Staff Engineer  
Mike Howard, Attorney  
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

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Robin M. Mills, Auditor